

Psalm 6:1-4

*O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.
Be gracious to me,
O Lord, for I am languishing;
O Lord, heal me,
for my bones are shaking with terror.*

*3 My soul also is struck with terror,
while you, O Lord—how long?*

*Turn, O Lord, save my life;
deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.*

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The Voice on the Village Green

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She's Coming Back!!

Three weeks from this Sunday (February 27), Pastor Mary and Michael will be back with us! There is a breakfast planned for that morning before worship. We hope for a great turn out that morning to welcome her back, as well as the following Sunday—March 6, for her first sermon after her return! If you worship online, maybe you can let us know you will be celebrating her with us that day? We are truly fortunate people to have such a good leader! Contact Susan Barnes and Jan Greenlee for more information regarding that welcome breakfast.

Welcome Back Party

Plan on a warm & bright day Sunday, Feb. 27th @ 9am.

Please join us in welcoming back our Pastor Mary on February 27 from 9-10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. It will be a time of warm welcomes and bright smiles. If you'd like, please wear bright colors: red or yellow or green or blue (think LEGO colors) to add to the fun. Enjoy coffee & pastry bites while catching up with Pastor Mary and friends. We hope to see you there & @ 10:30 service after!

Keep an eye out for an upcoming event where Mary is to share words and photos of her experiences from her sabbatical.

-Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Please practice social distancing— Pastor Mary will hold another event to share her sabbatical experience. Stay tuned!

Love God, Love Others, Pass It On!

February Birthdays

02/01	Jim Brunnemer
02/03	Dave Miller
02/04	Chris Kirlin
02/08	Brooke Dixon Henry Middleton Cora Phelps
02/11	Heather Mollo
02/15	Martha Sechler
02/17	Amanda Middleton
02/19	Breelynd Phelps
02/22	Georgia Harris
02/24	Steve Mollo
02/26	Paula Mitchell

February Anniversaries

02/04	Chris & Bob Kirlin
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Belated Happy Birthday to January People

01/02	Becky Courtney-Knight Pamela Boer Betty Logan
01/07	Lois Gredy
01/09	Christy Tarter
01/10	Laura Young Jillian Wright
01/11	Wesley Simmonds
01/12	Diana Wright Aaron Shaffer
01/15	Dennis Rhodes
01/17	Dave Richards
01/28	Abraham Oliver
01/30	Jeanine Stamm

Belated Congrats to January Anniversaries

01/04	Shannon & Jonathan Browning
01/17	Phyllis & Kent Taylor

Mountain Mission Update

Mountain Mission pickup will be tomorrow morning on February 7th (apologies to folks who read this late). Items can be placed at the back door in sturdy boxes before then. We are collecting clothing and household goods. Contact Linda Wescott with any questions.

A Little Remodeling...

The church treasurer's office is looking for a donation of 2-drawer, vertical filing cabinets. We need 4 that are sturdy and all the same size. These 4 cabinets will support a long countertop/desk. If you have one or more cabinets, please let us know the size first. Contact one of the 3 musketeers--Becky Knight, Kathy Roberts, Jim Tichenor --for details.



Office Volunteers

The new NUMC Office Volunteer sign-up sheet is live. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, especially to put less pressure on individual volunteers. These volunteer sessions are primarily only from 9 to noon on Tuesdays.

With that said, Joshua Lane will be out of the office be out of the office for the first two weeks of March, and extra volunteers will be immensely helpful for filling in those Wednesday—Friday timeslots. Please contact the office for more information or sign up at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044fada62baafb6-numc4>

Online Giving

Go to **www.nashvilleumc.com** and click the online giving button. It's quick and easy!

Sunday Flowers

For anyone interested in arranging flowers for a Sunday service, we encourage you to do so! Whether in honor of someone's memory or just because, you can either contact a local florist or bring your donation to the church office and we will arrange it for you. Just be sure to let us know so that we can make sure to schedule dates.

Our Life Together



Still Experiencing the Story

This past Christmas, I received some very special gifts. A year ago, I got a basket weaving kit, and this year have developed a small weaver's library and learned to do several types of basket weaving. I truly enjoy it. (In fact on this New Year's Day, I found myself pruning some of the extra English ivy in front of the church, and weaving a basket out of it.)

Shelly gave me a small weaving loom from her shop, at Christmas this year, along with a set of three lessons. She gave the same to my daughter-in-law, so we have been learning to weave together on a loom. This has been fun. Recently I completed my first project, a table runner.

These gifts were given to me because of something I've always enjoyed. They were given to me to find pleasure in creating things.

It is already February, and we are nearing six weeks past Christmas. We are also moving quickly toward the season of Lent. This seems a good time to remember the gift God gave us in Christ. Let's stop and make sure we didn't pack away the Christ, along with the trees and the trimmings of that season. The gift of Christ's continuing presence with us through the ever present Holy Spirit is intended to help us create new hope and life around us! New hope for others, and life for the world.

As we move toward the season of Lent, and all that it means to us, let us continue to deploy and employ the gift of Christmas through our living. Let us create, through Christ's presence and Spirit, a new world with the gifts we have received!

- Pastor David



Scout Sunday

Next week's service we will be holding our Scout Sunday, where a group of young Scouts join us for the day.

Unfortunately, due to Covid there will no Chili Supper this year.

In honor of Scout Sunday, we will also have out a second collection plate for donations towards a scholarship. We have three Scout families who are in need of aid to help afford the annual \$180 membership fee.

More than You See!

An important detail I learned at the meeting was that as of that day, 20 different computers had logged in-to, and watched our Sunday worship service. By the end of the previous week's service, one of them reported that 7 people had been watching in there home. Three were watching from one Florida home of which I'm aware. That is 2 of the 20 computers, or 1/10th of those signed-in and watching, and it represents 10 individuals. This week when we gather, remember there are likely several dozen more people in our midst, praying with us, worshipping with us, and sending regular offerings with us; yet unseen. I know I will.

- Pastor David



Final Giving Note From Bruce Marks on 2021/2022 Finances

We finished last year in a far better financial position than we had originally anticipated. One last belated thank-you all for your generosity. Your faithfulness is inspiring and a true reflection of how we practice living a life based on the example of Christ.

As you know, we took a different, more ambitious path while working through the year's budget; instead of looking to cut back, we knew it would be a better choice to ask you to help by stepping up your giving. We trusted that God had a plan to see this happen. We did not want to see any of our programs or staff cut due to budgetary concerns, as it would impact our ability to do His work. You responded with even more than hoped for by increasing the pledges over last year by 30%. It was phenomenal to witness.

Paying off the mortgage took about \$15,000 out of the yearly budget, which takes some of the pressure off. But our work is not finished. Some of you pledged toward the mortgage for 2022, an amount totaling roughly \$10,000. If you made your pledge towards the mortgage, even though that mortgage is now paid off, your continued commitment to your pledge is important, as we used that in our decision-making process in pulling the remainder of the balance owed from the Memorial Fund. Now we are working towards paying that money "back" to the Memorial Fund. Only with your continued generous support via your pledged amount can we make this happen.

Thank you for your stewardship, not only in the finances of the church, but the outpouring of love you show to the Backpack program, Habitat, Mother's Cupboard, the Afghan refugees and every worthy cause which is on your heart. It is humbling to watch this show of faithfulness. Thank you...thank you...thank you

- Bruce Marks and the NUMC Finance Committee

2021 Giving Statements

2021 Giving Statements have all been mailed. If you have not received yours within the next few days, please notify Kathy Roberts at: finance.team@nashvilleumc.com



Final FallFare Update From Heather Mollo

I am pleased to report that with everyone's talents, hard work and prayers, Fallfare 2021 generated \$13,546.50 for mission work. The Fallfare Chairs recently met and divided the proceeds to help the following groups:

Access Brown County:	\$ 600.00
Africa University:	200.00
Beta Teen Center	400.00
Boy Scouts:	350.00
Brown County Playhouse:	400.00
Brown County Schools – special needs	200.00
Brown County Weekend Backpacks, Inc:	200.00
Camp Moneto, capital projects:	300.00
Conference Camps – scholarships:	600.00
Cub Scouts:	350.00
DO SOMETHING BROWN COUNTY:	1,000.00
Girls Scouts:	400.00
God's Grace:	500.00
Habitat for Humanity:	1,000.00
Lebanon Children's Fund:	300.00
Mission Guatemala:	500.00
Mother's Cupboard:	500.00
Northern Br. Co. Food Alliance:	500.00
NUMC Open Hearts Funds:	500.00
NUMY:	500.00
NUMY Food Fund:	200.00
Recycle Force:	300.00
Salvation Army:	1,000.00
Standout Mission:	400.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	1,000.00
TEAM RUBICON – Afghan Refugees:	*64.50
Triad:	300.00
Turning Point:	500.00
UMCOR:	<u>500.00</u>
	13,564.50

* It should also be noted that \$156.00 has already gone directly to TEAM RUBICON from the gifts given from the day of Fallfare.



Afghan Giving

"WOW!...WOW!!"

That's all they could say at Exodus Refugee Center when I delivered the goods. We collected 6 large bags full of winter clothing including 36 coats, 30 scarves, 21 pairs of gloves, 12 sweaters and miscellaneous other clothing.

In addition, \$1,075 in gift cards!! VERY SPECIAL

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING FOR THOSE IN NEED! I am so proud to be a part of such a special church!

I want to relay a special thanks for Georgia and Ruthann for putting up the tree and Josh for decorating it with the special cards for people to leave their gift cards.

And of course, my wife Donna who is there with me from start to finish helping make this work.

- Denny and Donna Kubal

Hoosier Hospitality to Refugees

A heartwarming article praising Indiana's generosity and work in aid to Afghan refugees was published last month. Written by Russ Hessler and Tyler Smith, it discusses the bigger picture of all that Hoosier volunteers were able to accomplish within the past four and a half months. Click the photo above to be linked to the Hessler and Smith article (as syndicated by the South Bend Tribune) or pick up the previous issue of the Brown County Democrat to read it for yourself.

This is feedback is well-deserved in the wake of a lot of good news as of late regarding Operation Allies Welcome. In the four months after the initiation of OAW, Camp Atterbury accepted roughly 7,200 refugees from Afghanistan. As of last week, only 1,200 of that number remain, and they are set to depart soon to permanent homes, allowing the safe haven to close. This success was made in part due to the generous outpouring of aid by Hoosiers, who have been responsible for nearly 75% of the donations spread across all seven U.S. military that have housed Afghan refugees.

See Deny Kubal's final report [column left] on the specifics of the NUMC's direct contributions to the Indianapolis Exodus Refugee Center.

You can copy/paste this link to be taken to the original article. <https://www.southbendtribune.com/story/opinion/2022/01/13/hoosiers-gave-generously-support-our-afghan-allies/9179056002/>





Project Lifesaver Has Come to Brown County!

TRIAD and the Brown County Sheriff's Department are pleased to let you know that it is ready for use. Project Lifesaver is funded by grants from and through the Brown County Community Foundation (BCCF) and from Sheriff's Department funding.

Project Lifesaver combines electronic technologies with advanced training for search and rescue personnel in order to help quickly locate someone who has become lost, such as someone with Alzheimer's disease or autism or any such illness, who may be prone to wandering. Searches in our Brown County hills can be especially challenging.

Individuals enrolled in this program wear a personalized, wrist-watch sized radio transmitter that allows first responders to rapidly locate them. Rescue personnel receive specialized training, not only on how to operate the tracking equipment, but also on ways to address behavioral/communication challenges specific to people with cognitive conditions. This is a skill critical to gaining the person's trust and facilitating a safe return home.

Because of this BCCF grant and two additional grants through the Foundation, the cost of the program to individuals can be off-set, in part or in full. We expect to make this program available and affordable to any interested Brown County resident.

If you would like to know more, or wish to explore whether this would be the right option for someone in your family, please call TRIAD at 812-988-5606. Someone will call you back to discuss the program. Please also share this information with anyone you know who might benefit from it.

Chancel Choir Update

The Chancel Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday the 9th after the hiatus brought on by the Omicron variant. Bell rehearsals will be 5:00-6:15 p.m., and choir will be 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

There are some children interested in singing. If you have a child who would like to participate in an occasional group, to sing in church, please contact Tammera - tammera.lane@nashvilleumc, 812-322-9433.

CamberFest Make-Up Concert

At long last the ChamberFest make-up concert will be held here on February 20th, at 4:00 p.m., by the Eyekamp String Quartet from the University of Evansville/Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra. Part of the group will be participating in our morning service that day.

Start planning on attending the 2022 ChamberFest concert as well, which will take place from August 14 through the 20th. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months!

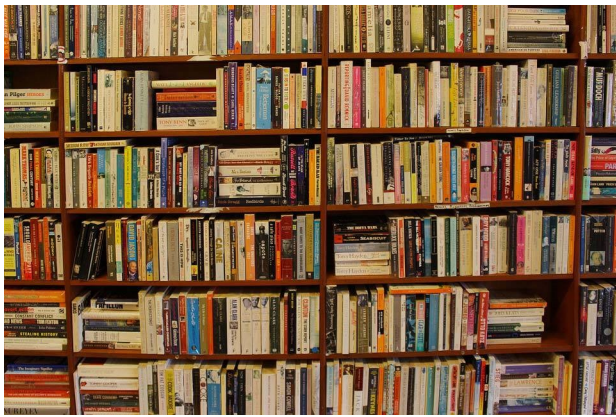
NUMY Food Prep

We are looking for small groups to commit to feeding the NUMY kids from now through May. Meals are simple and follow regular themes, which keeps planning super simple! If you have questions, please contact Deb Beckinger.

Relatedly, the United Methodist Men's group will be on the rotation to feed NUMY on the last Wednesday of every month. If you are part of the UMM and have questions regarding meal prep needs, call Bruce at: 812.720.1014.

David's Small Group Seminar

Just another reminder that the two-week small-group seminar will finally take place starting next Sunday, the 14th at 12:00 p.m.



Ditty From the Library

Greetings from the church library! February is Black History Month and we have some interesting books to read. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize is Colson Whitehead's "The Underground Railroad"; Cora's harrowing journey from a plantation in Georgia, to the freedom in the North. "White Fragility" by Robin Diangelo encourages us to look at the dominance of white culture and hopefully promote changes in our national policies. Last is a revised and updated version of "Why are all the black kids sitting together in the cafeteria?" by Beverly Tatum. Although written twenty years ago, racism, prejudice, and discrimination are still active characteristics of our society.

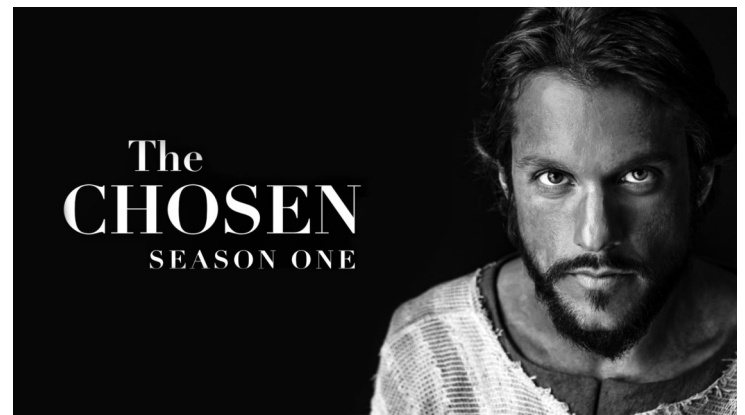
What library updates were there in January?

In the new year some of you may have been searching for more meaning in your spiritual and daily lives, and I have two books that can help you with that.

The first is "Simple Abundance: a Daybook of Comfort and Joy" by Sarah Ban Breathnach. It's a book of 366 evocative essays, one for each day of the year and is written for women who wish to live by their own lights! These essays show how to live your spiritual and daily life authentically and every day your own true path leads to a happier, more fulfilling, contented life.

The second title is "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" edited by Erin James-Brown. It is the 2020 Spiritual Growth Study by staff of the Urban Village Church. Drawing from Proverbs and the Serenity Prayer as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry and fear and move towards God.

-Diana Wright



Upcoming Movie Nights

We are planning movie nights on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during Lent. We will watch Season 1 of 'THE CHOSEN' which brings scripture about Jesus to life in an interesting way. Meet the disciples and other Bible characters up close and personal. Watch miracles happen. Have a glance at how it all might have looked as Jesus chose His disciples. Think about what it means to be "chosen". Please join us every Thursday in the sanctuary starting March 3. More details to follow.





Baby Bottle Campaign

The non-profit organization Clarity is currently running their Baby Bottle Program, where they distribute baby bottles for donors to take home and fill up with any loose change. The money collected is used for a variety of high-quality, secure, and compassionate pregnancy services for at risk youth and adults. Services includes providing pregnancy tests, HPV tests, sonograms, car seats, bibles, informational packages/presentations, and more.

We will be hosting the program throughout the month of February. If you or anyone you know are interested, please grab a baby bottle from the Narthex; fill it with whatever spare change you acquire throughout the month, and have it returned back by February 27th for Clarity to pick up.

You can learn more about them at claritycares.org.

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			NUMY 6:00p Bells: 5-6:15p Choir: 6:30-8p	UMW 9:30a		
6 1st Sunday in Lent 	7	8	9	10	11	12
			NUMY 6:00p Bells: 5-6:15p Choir: 6:30-8p			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Scout Sunday Pastor David's Small Group Ses- sions 12p	Valentines Day 		NUMY 6:00p Bells: 5-6:15p Choir: 6:30-8p			Strategic Vi- sion Planning Meeting (Heather Mollo)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pastor David's Small Group Ses- sions 12p ChamberFest Make-Up Concert 4p			NUMY 6:00p Bells: 5-6:15p Choir: 6:30-8p			District Meeting Leadership Training 9a
27	28	1	2	3		
P. Mary Returns; Coffee & Pastry 9a; David Preaches Last Interim Sermon	Mary Resumes Full-Time			Start of <i>The Chosen</i> Movie Nights 6:30p		